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AVAILABILITY OF VACCINE FOR BIRD FLU .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether High Security Animal Disease Laboratory of Indian Veterinary Research Institute at Bhopal has developed a vaccine against bird flu;

(b) If so, whether the Government was imported said vaccine;

(c) If so, the amount spent thereon during each of the last three years and the current financial year; and

(d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability and affordability of the new vaccine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fishery imported Avian Influenza vaccine during 2005-06 for Rs. 56.70 lakhs. No vaccine was purchased during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05.

(d) The steps have been initiated for availability of indigenous vaccine.